

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020 at 7:30pm

Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- **Call to Order:** First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and Weston residents. Selectman Stephan Grozinger participated by phone.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge led by Anne Kendall.
- 3- **Discussion/decision to accept Bonnie Troy's resignation from Sustainability Committee:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to accept the resignation of Bonnie Troy from the Sustainability Commission. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to appoint Tiffany Donovan Green as regular member to Sustainability for term to end December 31, 2020:** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Tiffany Donovan Green as regular member to Sustainability for term to end December 31, 2020. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.
- 5- **Discussion/decision to appoint Anne Kendall to the Historic District Commission for a term to end December 31, 2024:** Ms. Kendall was interviewed by the Board of Selectmen. Selectwoman Nestor moved to appoint Anne Kendall to the Historic District Commission for a term to end December 31, 2024. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried.
- 6- **Discussion/decision to appoint Alissa Stoltz as an alternate member to the Sustainability Committee for a term to end December 31, 2020:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Ms. Stoltz, who also serves on the Sustainability Committee at the school. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Alissa Stoltz as an alternate member to the Sustainability Committee for a term to end December 31, 2020. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.
- 7- **Discussion/decision to establish a public hearing on March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room for the purpose of inviting public comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 179, Article VI, entitled "Tax Relief for the Elderly:"** First Selectman Spaulding explained the history of the proposed amendments to the Tax Relief Ordinance. Selectman Grozinger expressed that he would like the Town Attorney to review and approve first. Selectwoman Nestor moved to establish a public hearing on March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room for the purpose of inviting public comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 179, Article VI, entitled "Tax Relief for the Elderly", subject to town attorney's approval. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried.
- 8- **Property Tax Refunds:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$20,445.72, as presented. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.
- 9- Selectwoman Nestor moved to add the following item to tonight's agenda "Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of William Proceller from the Building

Committee". Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried.

- 10- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of William Proceller from the Building Committee.** Selectwoman Nestor moved to accept the resignation of William Proceller from the Building Committee retroactive to 2/5/2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried.
- 11- **Minutes Approval:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the Board of Selectmen for February 6, 2020, February 11, 2020, and February 18, 2020, as presented. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.
- 12- **Board of Selectmen review Board of Education proposed FY 2020/21 Budget:** Superintendent Bill McKersie, Board of Education Chairman Tony Pesco, and Director of Finance & Operations Phil Cross.

Craig Tunks gave an update on IT, explaining he's discovered more cost efficient software.

First Selectman Spaulding asked about insurance costs. Mr. Luiz stated he is waiting to hear from our insurance broker to see if the schools can be added to the block of towns and school districts. Once they get quotes from insurance broker the BOE will compare plans side by side.

Selectwoman Nestor questioned a discrepancy in transportation costs from last year's budget. Dr. McKersie discussed increased special education related services and the impact of work being shifted to a company. Mr. Pesco said the BOE will look into more cost effective solutions.

First Selectman Spaulding asked for more information on the internal services insurance fund.

First Selectman Spaulding recommended a budget reduction of \$209,110. Tony Pesco said the BOE will continue to sharpen its pencil on the budget

Selectman Grozinger moved to recommend to the Board of Finance that the Board of Education's proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be accepted with a 2.5% spending increase. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.

- 13- **Adjournment:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 9:25pm. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant